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Attach a report of educational activities conducted in observance of National Coin Week 1983. Supplement your report with documentation, such as press clippings, letters of acknowledgement, programs, bulletins and photographs. The quality of your presentation and documentation will be considered when reports are chosen for publication in THE NUMISMATIST. Large, elaborate reports are discouraged, but reports in scrapbook form are quite suitable and should be considered.

New ANA members recruited during your National Coin Week campaign should be listed on the reverse of this form.

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Leslie A. Winners, Chairman
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Exploring Our Proud Heritage

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1. Procured "National Coin Week" Proclamation From The Governor OF The State OF Oklahoma. Sent Proclamation as requested TO Steve And Sharon Urwin.
2. Posted "National Coin week" Posters with my ANA Post Office box Number at Bestyet Gro, Safeway, K Mart, Library, Credit union, OTASCO
3. Sand Springs Leader Paper ran Feature article ON The American Numismatic Association And National Coin week
4. Sponsored one New member TO date. Possibly Two more in The Near Future.

Mark Combs

New
member

PAUL L. MILLER

Feature

Sand Springs Leader, Sunday, April 17, 1983 - Section B-1

Sandites promote hobby during National Coin Week

By ANDY TEMPLETON
LEADER Staff Writer

Did you know that the U.S. Mint began making pennies from zinc instead of copper because copper coins cost more than a penny to make?

Informing the public about numismatics — the collection and study of coins — is the goal of National Coin Week, sponsored this week by the American Numismatic Association and the Oklahoma Numismatic Association. Paul Miller, a local member of the ANA and ONA, takes a great interest in numismatics. He has been busy getting area businesses to display posters honoring National Coin Week.

"We hope the posters will get more members (into the ANA and ONA) and get more people interested in numismatics," Miller said.

The theme of this year's coin week is, "Numismatics: Exploring Our Proud Heritage."

As one of two ANA district representatives in Oklahoma, and as a life member of the ONA, Miller was instrumental in getting Governor George Nigh to sign a proclamation declaring this week as National Coin Week in the state.

The proclamation states that Oklahomans should observe coin week because "every coin or piece of paper money has a story to tell and an adventure to experience."

Miller enjoys attending various ANA and ONA coin shows and conventions in Oklahoma and surrounding states. The shows and conventions are free and open to the public in order to educate them on numismatics. Miller usually attends to study the various coins on display and look for coins to add to his collection.

The seventh annual state numismatic convention is coming up in Oklahoma City on May 14 and 15. Miller is planning on spending the whole weekend at the convention, which will feature U.S. and foreign coin exhibits and competitions, educational seminars, as well as the annual ONA meeting.

In addition to sponsoring shows and conventions, the ANA also works with Congress to get new coins minted.

Miller's interest in numismatics began when he was about nine years old. He found a 1904 Barber Dime issued from the mint in San Francisco. The year was 1956, and Barber dimes were scarcely in circulation. "It would be like finding a wheat cent today," Miller said.

The Barber dime is the grandfather of the present day Roosevelt Dime which was first minted in 1946. The Barber, named for its designer Charles E. Barber, was discontinued in 1916 in favor of the Mercury dime.

The dime spawned Miller's interest and he soon began collecting and buying coins. He joined the ANA in 1976 as his interest in the actual study of various

coins increased. Miller still has his original Barber dime, which is presently valued at approximately \$75.

Miller limits his coin collection to those minted in the United States. However, the ANA is involved in collecting and dealing in coins from all over the world.

Numismatics is a good source of pleasure for Miller. "I get a lot of satisfaction in finding a coin I want and looking for coins I don't have."

Miller keeps his coin collection in a safe deposit box at a local bank for fear of his house being burglarized. Miller shares the fear of theft with other ANA members. "One of the big problems we have is worrying about someone taking something we treasure," Miller said.

Miller, a local resident since 1969, is employed as a journeyman millwright at Sheffield Steel. He invites anyone who is interested in numismatics to contact him for membership in the ANA and ONA. Inquiries can be made to P.O. Box 332 in Sand Springs. ANA members maintain their membership by displaying honesty and integrity in dealing with fellow numismatists, Miller said.

The ANA currently has about 40,000 members. The ONA has several hundred active members, including 30 or 40 in the Sand Springs area, according to Miller.



General tribute

This week is National Coin Week in Oklahoma, sponsored by the American Numismatic Association and the Oklahoma Numismatic Association. Paul Miller, a local numismatist, displays two medal sets. The ONA set, left, is in honor of Gen. Stand Watie, the only Indian to serve as a general in the Confederacy. The ANA set commemorates the 1967 opening of its headquarters in Colorado Springs.

(Leader photo)